

CLAIMS:

1. A hairdressing tool including a spine and, extending from the spine, teeth arranged in a triangular formation  
5 wherein a leading tooth is located at an apex of the triangular formation and at least two other trailing teeth are located along the sides of the triangular formation such that as the tool is moved from front to back of a scalp in a zig-zag motion, the hair passes on  
10 each side of the leading tooth and then between the trailing teeth to separate the hairs and facilitate a zig-zag parting.
2. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein only three  
15 teeth are provided, one at each corner of the triangular formation.
3. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein further teeth are provided along the sides of the triangular formation,  
20 whereby the pitch of the teeth determines the periodicity of the zig-zag.
4. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the triangular formation of teeth is an isosceles triangular formation.  
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5. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein a tip of each tooth remote from the spine has an enlarged head for engaging a user's head.
- 30 6. A tool as claimed in claim 5, wherein said enlarged head is domed-shaped.

7. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the teeth along the base of the triangular formation are arranged substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction of the spine.

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8. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the teeth extend substantially orthogonally from the spine.

9. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the teeth are  
10 made of metal.

10. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein handle means is attached to the spine.

15 11. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handle means is integrally formed with the spine.

12. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handle means is arcuate for generally conforming to a user's  
20 hand.

13. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the teeth, spine and handle means are integrally formed with one another.

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14. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the teeth, spine and handle means are integrally formed from the same material.

30 15. A tool as claimed in claim 14, wherein the material is a plastics material.

16. A tool as claimed in claim 10, wherein the handle means is made of wood, the spine is made of wood or metal or plastics, and the teeth are made of metal or plastics.

5 17. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein slider means are provided for altering the spacing between the teeth along the base of the triangular formation so as to alter the amplitude of the zig-zag.

10 18. A tool as claimed in claim 17, wherein the slider means is arranged so that the spacing is infinitely variable between defined opposed limits or variable in discrete steps between said defined opposed limits.

15 19. A tool as claimed in claim 10, wherein the spine is demountable from the handle means and two or more spines are provided each having teeth arranged for a left or right-handed person.

20 20. A tool as claimed in claim 10, wherein the spine is mountable onto the handle means by a snap-fit fixing.

21. A tool as claimed in claim 10, wherein the spine is slidably mountable onto the handle means.

25 22. A tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein a hair brush is attached to one end of a longitudinal handle means and the spine is attached at an opposite end thereof.

30 23. A method of using a hairdressing tool having a spine and, extending from the spine, teeth arranged in a triangular formation, said method including moving a

leading tooth located at an apex of the triangular formation and at least two other trailing teeth located along the sides of the triangular formation in a zig-zag motion from front to back of a scalp so that hair passes 5 on each side of the leading tooth and then between the trailing teeth to separate the hairs and facilitate a zig-zag parting.